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GALACTIC GRATITUDE

... for all of the support and help we had to making VBS 2019 a success! At *To Mars and Beyond VBS*, kids learned that God can do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us (Ephesians 3:20)! We were blessed by the presence of campers from OhioGuidestone's Family Life Center Camp, and were so glad to share our faith with them! We hosted a total 27 children, many for whom this was their first church experience, with the help of 15 adults and 7 youth! **Thank you to all!**

A REPORT FROM CAMBODIA

From June 26 to July 8, I was blessed to experience my third trip to Cambodia. Along with a team of fourteen clergy and laity from our North Coast District, we worshiped together, learned together, and continued to build relationships with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

This most recent trip included the additional blessing of being able to deliver women's hygiene kits that had been made by members of our congregation and of Westlake UMC. Thank you to the many people who contributed to this life-changing project. We distributed hygiene kits to women and girls in four different remote villages during our travels, and these kits will make a real difference in the lives of those who received them, especially for those who are in school and no longer will have to miss days of class each month. Thank you for your generous contributions to this vital ministry.



We are still planning another trip to Cambodia in January 2021, and if you are interested in participating in that trip, please contact me (440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org). I look forward to the opportunity to share this life-changing experience with others.

Shalom, Pastor Nathan



CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE



To My Church Family

This past week I received the final copy of a four book series, **Journeying Through Grief**. My heart felt thanks to you, and in particular to Beth Reams, who made certain that I received the books along with her kind notes. When I opened each book to the table of contents, the titles reached out as if they were meant for me. In the final book, the chapter, "Permission to Grieve - Again", helped me to feel comfortable with the concept that grief can find a place in your heart for your loved one to stay.

Thank you so much. Having been part of our church family for over 50 years has been a blessing.

Betty Miller

THE CALLER

I'd like to extend my thanks to all for the prayers, cards, emails and well wishes while dealing with pneumonia. I appreciate the caring support.

Thank you!
Nancy Schillace

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

The Loose Change Offering in July totaled \$101.25 and was collected for Heifer International.

The Loose Change Offering on August 11, 2019 will be collected for Messy Church.

See page 8 for details about our Messy Church Back-to-School Resource Fair on August 18.



CALLING ALL SINGERS!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

REHEARSAL 10:15 AM, SANCTUARY

SING DURING THE 11:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Summer choir will sing on August 11 at the 11:15 AM service.

Meet in the sanctuary at 10:15 AM to rehearse.

No robes. Wear your cool summer church clothes!

Questions? Call Margaret Proctor who will be directing at **440-243-9498**.

AUGUST 2019 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

Sunday, August 4 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Sunday, August 11 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Sunday, August 18 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sunday, August 25 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (UMH 830) Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783) Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801) Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794) Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17



THE CALLER

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

Janice Arnold	Rev. Cal Myers
Bruce Akins	Donna O'Brien
Betty Atherton	Esther O'Hearn
Heidi Blue	Barb Rochford
Jean Brenneison	Lou Russell
Donna Dial	Nancy Schillace
Erin Eilbeck	Barbara Scoon
Cleda Fletcher	Carol Thompson
Laurie Garvin	Victoria Thomson
Pat Harf	Dave Thurau
Janice Kavander	Kathleen Wargelin
Joyce McGee	Kenneth Williams
Marcie Metz	Eva Williamson
Betty Miller	



SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Chad Droney
 Nikki (Myers) Droney
 J.D. Ferut (*Grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs*)
 Ryan Hopkins
 Bill Lambert (*Son-in-law of Corky Cline*)
 Ben Lebrun
 Matthew Metzger
 Zachary New (*Grandson of Bob & Jackie King*)
 Jeff Patrick

WE REACH OUT IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE



...to Susan Pogue on the passing of her mother, Carol Truly, on Saturday, July 13, 2019.
 A service was held Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Riverside Cemetery.

FOR A SAFE JOURNEY

Prayers are requested for Ron Isgro & Bill Myers as they bicycle 4,200 miles from Washington to Bar Harbor, Maine. Their cross-country journey is in celebration of the life of Ron's beloved wife, Carol, and will benefit Hospice Services of Southwest General. Follow their journey across the Northern Tier:

<https://www.facebook.com/RonsRideforHospice/>

A full list of Prayer Concerns is available on the tables at the back of each worship space.

To receive Prayer Concerns by email, please email Beth in the church office at info@umcb.org.

If you know of someone needing care or a visit, please contact the church office (info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100) or Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101).

FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS FROM THE SOLO SQUARE DANCE CLUB

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 16, & 23

7 PM - 9 PM, ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 276 BAGLEY RD, BERA

Want to learn? Lessons for beginners are held on Mondays from 7 - 9 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church. September 9, 16, & 23 are free.

Already enjoy square dancing? Advance lessons are Thursdays 7:15 - 9:15 PM at The United Methodist Church of Berea. Starting date to be announced.

Exercise your brain as well as your body. Singles or couples, all ages welcome. See us at the Cuyahoga County Fair.

For more information, call Beth at 440-455-9940 or visit www.SoloSquareDanceClub.com.





For more information about these articles and all that UMW has to offer, please contact Betsy Meikle at meiklebj@juno.com or 440-243-5767.

SAVE THESE DATES:

The United Methodist Women ask you to add these dates your fall calendar:

POLLINATORS PRESENTATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
11:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

A speaker from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will talk about the loss of our plant pollinators and why this is an important issue today. Refreshments, which are appetizers, will be provided by the UMW from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The presentation will begin at 12:30 PM. Please plan to join us for this special presentation.

UMW FALL GARAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
WESLEY HALL

Early Bird Sale will be on Wednesday, October 9. The Bake Sale will be on Thursday, October 10 along with the Garage Sale. Friday, October 11 will be Half-off Day. Items to be donated can be dropped off daily starting of Sunday October 6 through Tuesday, October 8.

MISSION AND A MEAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

More details to come...



In **The Soulmaking Room** by Dee Dee Risher relates the biblical story of the Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4:8-37) to many of the challenges, losses, and triumphs in her own life. Because the wealthy woman of Shunam extended hospitality to the prophet Elisha, her life was changed and a miracle happened. Dee Dee's reflections on the scripture combined with her personal reflections lead her to develop spiritual wisdom and to encourage readers to meditate on their life's journeys, also.

This book is in the category of "Spiritual Growth".

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



ENGAGEMENT

2020 UMCOR MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 6:30 PM, PARLOR

TRIP DATES: MARCH 1 - 6, 2020 & MARCH 8 - 13, 2020
SAGER BROWN, BALDWIN, LA

UMCOR delivered 46,128 hygiene kits to six church-run transitional shelters in 2019. Would you like to help make hygiene kits? Would you like to help process and check cleaning kits? Come and find out more about the UMCOR mission trip to UMCOR Sager Brown on Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. We have 16 places reserved.

For more information, please contact Jan Harlamert at 440-243-7126 or janharlamert@yahoo.com or Molly Arthur at mollyaarthur@aol.com.





THE CALLER

BALDWIN WALLACE STUDENT WELCOME

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

8 - 10 AM, OUTSIDE THE RED DOORS ON SEMINARY STREET

We will again welcome Baldwin Wallace students for the school year on Monday, August 26 from 8-10 AM. Please donate breakfast items near the Outreach Bulletin Board outside Room 13.

If you'd like to volunteer to be a greeter and hand out yummy treats, please contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



We can't wait to show hospitality to our student neighbors!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

SCAN HUNGER CENTER COLLECTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4



Many children prepare meals for themselves when parents are working during the summer months. Because of this, SCAN requests child-friendly breakfast and lunch foods this month. Suggested items include:

- Breakfast Essentials (the powder to mix with milk)
- Breakfast bars
- Pop-tarts
- Easy open cans of ravioli, beefaroni, etc.
- Individual microwave macaroni and cheese cups
- Single serving cups of fruit and applesauce
- Pudding
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.

If you are not going to be in Church on August 4, your food donations may be delivered ahead of time and placed in the cupboards inside the room between the Narthex and the Library.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Mark them for SCAN and place them in the offering plate or Joanne Mansfield's office door mailbox.

Thank you for helping.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TRAINING STARTS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Hospice Services of Southwest General is starting a new volunteer training class on Tuesday, September 17.

As a hospice volunteer, you will receive specialized orientation by our professional staff. This training will help ensure that you are comfortable in your volunteer role and prepared to be a vital part of our Hospice Services team.

There are many opportunities available in various areas, and we strive to match your skills and interests with our needs. Volunteer opportunities include patient care, greeting and welcoming visitors, answering phones, office functions, pet visitation and community outreach.

The volunteer program is open to volunteers who can commit to four hours of service per week.

If you feel called to this type of work, please go to the Southwest Hospital website at <https://www.swgeneral.com/Our-Services/Hospice-Services.aspx> and complete a volunteer application for hospice. Call the Hospice Center at 440-816-5000 with any questions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please check our online calendar (www.umcb.org/upcoming-events/) for the most current events and information.</p>	<p>Family Life Center Day Camp August 1 – August 16 Monday – Friday 6:30 AM – 7:00 PM</p>			<p>1 10:15 AM Feed The Kids lunch program 5:30 PM Eagle Scout Review 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>2 10:15 AM Feed The Kids lunch program 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM <i>arise!</i> Worship with Praise Band 9:30 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Formation Classes 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:30 PM Hapkido 2:30 PM Parkside Villa Worship 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #228</p>	<p>5 11:30 AM Survivors Fellowship at Max & Erma's 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #77113 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training 7:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee</p>	<p>6 6:30 AM Let's Get Moving 9:00 AM Quilters 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM UMCOR Interest Meeting 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 PM Cub Den #107</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Hanson House TBI Support Group 5:30 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 PM Evening Prayers</p>	<p>8 6:00 PM Boy Scout District Roundtable 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>9 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM Church Council Meeting 10:00 AM UMW Executive Board</p>
<p>11 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM <i>arise!</i> Worship with Praise Band 9:30 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Formation Classes 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:00 PM Donoughe Party 2:30 PM Hapkido 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #228</p>	<p>12 11:30 AM Survivors Fellowship at Maya 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #77113 6:30 PM Stephen Ministers 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>13 6:30 AM Let's Get Moving 9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM Active Sr. Network Lunch (rain location) 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 PM Cub Den #107 7:00 PM Discipleship Collaborative</p>	<p>14 10:00 AM Hanson House TBI Support Group 5:30 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 PM Evening Prayers</p>	<p>15 CALLER SUBMISSIONS DUE 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>16 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>17</p>

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<p>18 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM <i>arise!</i> Worship with Praise Band 9:30 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Formation Classes 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:30 PM Hapkido 4:00 PM Messy Church 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #228</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM Family Life Center Moving Out 11:30 AM Survivors Fellowship at Falls Family Restaurant 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #77113 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>20 6:30 AM Let's Get Moving 9:00 AM Family Life Center Moving Out 9:00 AM Quilters 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 PM Cub Den #107</p>	<p>21 10:00 AM Hanson House 5:30 PM Pickleball 6:00 PM Hanson House Caregiver Support Group 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committees 7:00 PM Evening Prayers</p>	<p>22 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>23 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM <i>arise!</i> Worship with Praise Band 9:30 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Formation Classes 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:30 PM Hapkido 5:00 PM Youth Group Kick-off 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #228</p>	<p>26 11:30 AM Survivors Fellowship at Olive Garden 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #77113 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training 7:00 PM Missions Committee</p>	<p>27 6:30 AM Let's Get Moving 9:00 AM Quilters 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 PM Cub Den #107</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM Caller Assembly 10:00 AM Hanson House 5:30 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 PM Evening Prayers</p>	<p>29 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>30 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>31</p>

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 3 PM

Staff Contact Information

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101 - Rev. Dr. Nathan Howe nhowe@umcb.org (Pastor)	103 - Joanne Mansfield jmansfield@umcb.org (Finance and Membership Secretary)	105 - Rev. Carrie Antczak cantczak@umcb.org (Pastor of Christian Formation & Outreach)



THE CALLER

YOUTH GROUP KICK- OFF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 5 PM, OUTSIDE OR YOUTH ROOM (ROOM 31-32)

OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

It's going to be fun! And Messy! But shhh, it's a surprise!

It's "come in clothes you don't mind ruining" fun!

You bring the friends, we'll provide the food and fun!

For more information, please contact

Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105
or Brian Williams at williams.brian11@gmail.com or 216-258-3774.



MESSY CHURCH – BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

4-6 PM, FIRST FLOOR

Messy Church is back! We're super excited to get messy with you and our community as we explore God's story together! Bring friends in August for our school year kick off including backpack blessing, and back-to-school resources including free hair-cuts. See list below for requested donations.

We would love to have enough to offer each family one of each item:

- ❖ Laundry Detergent – Start clean!
- ❖ Kid/Teen Toiletries – Start fresh!
- ❖ Non-perishable Breakfast Items (granola bars, cereal, instant breakfast, etc.) – Start full!
- ❖ Gently-used or new shoes child and adult sizes – Start on the right foot!
- ❖ Gently-owned or new children's books – Start with a story!

As always, Messy Church is about fun, faith, and friends, and is always free. Please invite your friends and neighbors, even if you don't think they *need* the resources. Messy good fun will be had by all!

For more information, please contact Carolyn Williams at 440-570-2913 or weaseltv@msn.com.



RALLY DAY PRAYER REQUEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Mark your calendars now for Rally Day! This is the exciting kick-off to our faith formation year. All ages of faith formation will resume or begin new units. As you prepare for fall here are some prayers we'd appreciate:



- * For our children and youth disciples
- * For adult disciples
- * For community members whom we will invite to worship, formation, and service opportunities
- * For teachers and leaders of faith formation classes and groups
- * For teachers and staff in our mission partner school, Grindstone Elementary
- * For teachers and care providers in our mission partner, OhioGuidestone

Feeling led to help teach or facilitate a group of disciples? There are short-term and long-term opportunities for faithful leadership. To discuss possibilities, please reach out to Pastor Carrie at 440-234-3525 x 105 or cantczak@umcb.org.



FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION SNEAK-PEAK

Beginning Sunday, September 8

As we approach "back to school" season, now is a great time to begin prayerfully considering how you will take your soul "back to school" for continued faith growth. Each group has a symbol next to it to help you know which group may be helpful for you as you continue on your discipleship path.



Getting Your Feet Wet is perfect for those new to faith.



Wading Out is great for those ready to go a bit deeper in their faith.



Going Deep groups are helpful for those committed to discipleship and deep faith growth.

Beginning in September, you can look forward to, and prayerfully consider the faith formation small community groups and classes on the next two pages.



THE CALLER

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS & CLASSES

Homebuilders resumes in September. Many people in the Homebuilders class have met together since the 1950's when they were growing their families, their homes and their faith. Many of our discussions are about faith and coping with loss and aging. Schedule of events to come soon!



Covenant Bible Study (Series 6 for original group, and a new group beginning with series 1). This in depth Bible study will give you a firm foundation for faith growth. Perfect for those new to Bible Study, and seasoned study participants. Everyone will learn something, about the Bible, themselves, and their small group.



Parent's Group will continue! They will most likely participate in a short study (no homework!), followed by a few weeks of open discussion. Come for support and friendship!



A Disciple's Path - Come to explore discipleship on a personal and deep level. Learn about the United Methodist Church, and explore what membership might mean for you. This class is open to those considering membership, and current members seeking to deepen their discipleship.



FaithLink delves into current events and how our faith shapes our prayerful response to these issues.



Contemplative Small Group - Since 2006 a small group for contemplative study of faith writings has reflected on an array of books. **HOLY ENVY: FINDING GOD IN THE FAITH OF OTHERS** by Barbara Brown Taylor will be used this fall. There will be space for a least five additional participants. Please contact Pat Nixon at **440-532-9486** or pn1047@gmail.com if you want to know more or join the group.



TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Messy Church is for all ages! Start praying now about who you can bring to this family-friendly faith formation and fun experience!





THE CALLER

WEEKDAY GROUPS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – this group studies the Bible one book at a time. Join them this fall as they grow verse by verse.



Wednesday Morning Mom's Group – meeting every other Wednesday morning. This group welcomes all moms with all ages of children. Little ones will play alongside us as we grow in friendship and faith.



Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 7 PM in the Sanctuary Choir Loft – grow in your faith and connection with God through prayer and communion with this small group worship.



For more information, please contact Pastor Carrie at **440-234-3525 x 105** or cantczak@umcb.org.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Susanna Wesley “home schooled” her large family. Her guidelines included several we might follow:

*“Every single act of obedience should be commended and frequently. . .
No girl should be taught to work until she can read very well.”*

These words written in the 18th century are very timely!

Submitted by Jo Swanson

READ AND GROW DISCUSSION GROUP

THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9
6:30-8 PM, PARLOR



September 9 is the start date of our 2019-2020 Read and Grow Discussion Group. We hope you will join us.

September 9 - **The Street Lawyer** by John Grisham

Set in Washington D.C. it addresses the complex problems of homelessness. This legal tale will provide food for thought and active discussion about one of today's most serious growing problems.

October 14 - **When Women Were Birds** by Terry Tempest Williams

“I am leaving you all my journals, but you must promise me you won't look at them until after I'm gone.” This is what Terry Tempest Williams's mother, the matriarch of a large Mormon clan in northern Utah, told her a week before she died. Williams recounts memories of her mother, ponders her own faith, and contemplates the notion of absence and presence art and in our world.

The entire reading list can be found at <http://www.umcb.org/adult-faith-opportunities/>.
You are always welcome.

For more information, call Janet Mallarnee at **440-235-7331**, Betsy Meikle at **440-243-5767**, or Margaret Proctor at **440-243-9498**.

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We live into our mission by:

